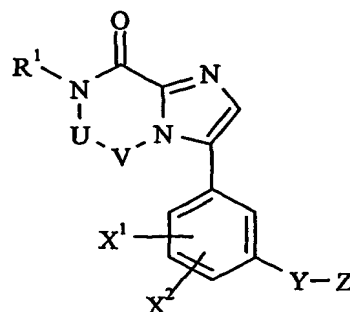


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

-U-V- represents -CH=CH-, or -CH₂-CH₂-, -N=CH- or -CH=N-;

X¹ represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy;

10 X² represents hydrogen or halogen;

Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- or -OCH₂- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R¹ represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl,

15 -SO₂R^a, -SO₂NR^aR^b, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a or -CONR^aR^b; and

R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

2. A compound according to claim 1 in which -U-V- represents -CH=CH- and

20 Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or an -NH- linkage.

3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 in which Y is a chemical bond.

4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 or 3 in which R¹ is methyl, ethyl,

25 fluoroethyl, difluoroethyl, trifluoroethyl, isopropyl, methyl-triazolylmethyl or pyridinylmethyl.

5. A compound according to any preceding claim in which X¹ is fluorine and X² is hydrogen.
6. A compound according to any preceding claim in which Z is a substituted phenyl or triazolyl group.
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
8. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use in a method of treatment of the human body by therapy.
9. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for treating or preventing anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder.
10. A method for the treatment and/or prevention of anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.